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Sir:

This response is in response to the Office Action  
mailed on September 25, 2001.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-9 and 21-26 were  
rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Miller et  
al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,226,418, hereinafter Miller). In  
addition, the Office Action objected to claims 10-20 and 27-30  
and allowed claims 31-38. Claims 1, 21 and 31-38 are  
independent.

Miller describes a method and apparatus for combining  
two images to form a composite image. To combine the images,  
points in one image must be mapped to points in the other image.  
In Miller, this is done by defining manifold landmark points on a  
template image; identifying points on a target image  
corresponding to the manifold landmark points; computing a  
transform that maps the manifold landmark points in the template  
image to the corresponding points in the target image; using the  
transform to compute a fusing transform; and registering the